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in FIG. 5. Beneath aperture 12 is fitting body 13. Fitting body 13 is shaped so as to silhouette the rifle's receiver and stock. Extending from fitting body 13 is projection 18, which is designed to interface with the receiver 50, shown in FIG. 5. Slot apertures 14 are positioned on the edge of fitting body 13, with sufficient placement to avoid blockage by either receiver 50 or stock 52 59. Point sling apertures 16 are positioned on the outer edge of slot apertures 14. Placement of point sling apertures should be above the lower edge of fitting body 13, thereby above the lower edge of the stock 52 59 so as to provide clearance for a user's thumb when the user is operating the weapon. Also, the point sling aperture must be low enough to interfere with the user cocking the weapon. Ideally, the proper position allows the center of the point sling aperture 16 to form a right triangle with the center of the main aperture 12 and the center of projection 18, with the center of the projection 18 being the location the right angle. Being so positioned, the point sling apertures 16 can remain above the lower edge of the stock 52 59. Positioning the point sling aperture lower than the lower edge of the stock 52 59 can block the user's thumb during actuation of the weapon's selector switch and can further interfere with handling the weapon.

With the preferred embodiment, recess 19, shown in FIG. 2, is positioned on the reverse of the sling fitting 10, opposite the projection. 18. Though unnecessary for operation of the invention, the depression provides further interface between the fitting 10 and the stock 52 59. The fitting is also adaptable for the differences between current fixed stock and current adjustable stocks. Figure 3 depicts the sling fitting configured for an adjustable stock. Nub 11 projects into the aperture 12 along a radius drawn from the center of the projection 18 and the center of the main aperture 12.

Nub 11 further interfaces with a groove located on the underside of a buffer tube for an adjustable stock, thereby increasing registration with the stock and buffer tube. Such grooves tend to be absent from buffer tubes for fixed length stocks, therefore the nub 11 is absent in the embodiment for fixed stocks depicted in FIG. 4.

Assembly of the weapon with the present invention is depicted in FIG. 5. Rifle receiver 50 has a rear surface 51 with a depression 58. Beyond depression 58 is a bore for supporting spring 57 and pin 56. Spring 57 normally biases pin 56 against stock 59 thereby also biasing stock 59 rearward. Extending rearward of receiver 50 is buffer tube 52, with a bore 53 at its terminal end. Upper butt plate screw 61 attaches butt plate 60 to stock 59 and further stock 59 and spacer 55 to bore 53, with stock 59 having an otherwise sliding engagement over buffer tube 52. Lower butt plate screw ~~62~~ 61 merely attaches butt plate 60 to stock 59

The addition of fitting 10 displaces stock 59 towards the rear, relative the buffer tube, in a manner that must be accommodated. To do so, additional spacer 54 and a longer upper butt plate screw 61 are provided, as original upper butt screw will undoubtedly not reach bore 53. As can be seen, projection 18 interfaces with pin 56 and spring 57 assembly and depression 19 interfaces with stock 59 as a surrogate for depression 58.